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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

In re the Detention of:

ANDREW VEJAR,

Respondent.

NO. 23-2-08435-2

PETITION

COMES NOW Petitioner, State of Washington, by and through Robert W. Ferguson, Attorney General, and Colette Sampson and Kerry Werner, Assistant Attorneys General, and submits this petition seeking the involuntary civil commitment of the Respondent, Andrew Vejar, as a sexually violent predator pursuant to RCW 71.09 *et seq.* Specifically, the State alleges that Andrew Vejar is a sexually violent predator, as that term is defined in RCW 71.09.020(19), given the following:

1. Respondent has been convicted of the following sexually violent offenses, as that term is defined in RCW 71.09.020(18):

a) On or about December 14, 1999, in Pierce County, Washington, Respondent was convicted at trial of one count of Rape in the First Degree, one count of Attempted Rape in the First Degree, and one count of Kidnapping in the First Degree. Pursuant to RCW 71.09.020(18)(c), Petitioner will prove beyond a reasonable doubt at the civil commitment trial that the crime of Kidnapping in the First Degree was committed with sexual motivation. An element of the crime proven beyond a reasonable doubt at the criminal trial was that the defendant or an accomplice abducted that person with intent to facilitate the commission of rape.

1 2. Respondent currently suffers from a mental abnormality as that term is defined in
2 RCW 71.09.020(9).

3 3. Respondent's mental abnormality causes him serious difficulty controlling his
4 sexually violent behavior and makes him likely to engage in predatory acts of sexual violence if
5 not confined to a secure facility.

6 4. Respondent has committed a recent overt act, as that term is defined in
7 RCW 71.09.020(13). On or about May 17, 2023, in the Pierce County Superior Court, Respondent
8 entered guilty pleas to three counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree and one count of Failure to
9 register as a Sex Offender, Cause No. 23-1-00344-8. The acts for which Respondent was convicted
10 constitute a recent overt act as a matter of law.

11 Based upon the foregoing, Respondent should be committed to the custody of the
12 Department of Social and Health Services for placement into a secure facility for control, care, and
13 treatment until such time as Respondent's condition has so changed that he no longer meets the
14 definition of a sexually violent predator, or conditional release to a less restrictive alternative is in
15 the best interest of Respondent and conditions can be imposed that would adequately protect the
16 community.

17 DATED this 24th day of July, 2023.

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